

HOUSE BILL 2862
By Brooks (Knox)

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 11, relative to vocational and technical education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 11, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

§ 49-11-109.

(a) Local education agencies, separately or working in concert, may develop advanced placement courses for high school students in vocational and technical training. The state board of education, department of education, and institutions and schools governed by the board of regents may provide assistance, if requested. The curriculum for such courses, which shall be approved by the state board of education, shall constitute a rigorous course of training in the vocational or technical subject.

(b) Advanced placement courses may be taught by or with the assistance of instructors employed by the board of regents. Local education agencies shall reimburse the board of regents for the portion of the instructor's salary and benefits associated with the advanced placement teaching assignment.

(c) A student completing an advanced placement course shall be eligible to receive postsecondary credit for such courses at institutions and schools operated by the board of regents that offer vocational or technical training in the subject area of the advanced placement course, if the student achieves:

(1) An attendance rate of at least ninety-three percent (93%) in the advanced placement class;

(2) A final grade of at least ninety-five percent (95%) in the course work of the advanced placement class; and

(3) One hundred percent (100%) mastery of the advanced placement course competencies.

Such postsecondary institutions and schools may waive the fees associated with the granting of credit up to three (3) hours to students meeting the above requirements.

(d) All advanced placement courses shall be developed using available funds of the local education agencies, state board of education, department of education, and the board of regents.

(e) The state board of education, the department of education, and the board of regents are authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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